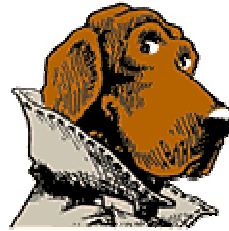




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2002 Postage Donations

Update on 2002 Postage Donations.

Postage donations as of September 1st total to \$13,606. We still need approximately \$6,000 to meet postal payments thru December.

A \$3 donation from each subscriber will generate the money we need and assure you that we can continue to mail the newsletter directly to you.

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NHW BOARD MEETING
No Board Meeting in November



In the fall of 2001 the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) launched the AMBER Plan—America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response nationwide. Their goal is to assist cities and towns across the United States with creating their own emergency alert plan.



What Is the AMBER Plan?



Plan is a voluntary partnership between law-enforcement and radio broadcasters to activate an urgent bulletin in the most serious cases.

Use the Emergency Alert System (EAS), formerly called the Broadcast System, to air a description of the abducted child and suspected abductor.

This is the same concept used during severe weather emergencies. The goal of the AMBER Alert is to instantly galvanize the entire community to assist in the search for and safe return of the child.

See AMBER PLAN on Page 2→
under the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

- Recipient of Chamber of Commerce Award of Valor •
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When and Why Was the AMBER Plan Created?



The AMBER Plan was created in 1996 as a powerful legacy to 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, a bright little girl who was kidnapped and brutally murdered while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas.

The tragedy shocked and informed the entire community. Residents contacted radio and television stations in the Dallas area and suggested they broadcast special “alerts” over the

airwaves so that they could help prevent such incidents in the future.

In response to the community’s concern for the safety of local children, the Dallas/Fort Worth Association of Radio Managers teamed up with local law-enforcement agencies in northern Texas and developed this innovative early warning system to help find abducted children. [Statistics](#) show that, when abducted, a child’s greatest enemy is time.

How Does the AMBER Plan Work?

Once law enforcement has been notified about a case, they must first determine if the case meets the A criteria for triggering an alert.

Each program establishes its own AMBER Plan criteria that the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children suggests three criteria that should be met before an Alert is activated.

- law enforcement confirms a child has been abducted
- law enforcement believes the circumstances surrounding the abduction indicate that the child is in danger of serious bodily harm or death
- there is enough descriptive information about the child, abductor, and/or suspect’s vehicle to believe an immediate broadcast alert will help

If these criteria are met, alert information must be put together for public distribution. This information can include descriptions and pictures of the missing child, the suspected abductor, a suspected

vehicle, and any other information available and valuable to identifying the child and suspect.

The information is then faxed to radio stations designated as primary stations.

The primary stations send the same information to area radio and television stations and cable systems via the EAS, and it is immediately broadcast by participating stations to millions of listeners.

Radio stations interrupt programming to announce the Alert, and television stations and cable systems run a “crawl” on the screen along with a picture of the child.

Some states are also incorporating electronic highway billboards in their Plans. The billboards, typically used to disseminate traffic information to drivers, now alert the public of abducted children, displaying pertinent information about the child, abductor or suspected vehicle that drivers might look for on highways.

Is the AMBER Plan Successful?

The answer is yes! The program’s popularity has been sweeping across the United States and into Canada. Since the original AMBER Plan was established, 66 modified versions have been adopted at local, regional, and statewide levels. 24 states have a statewide plan.

What Should You Do in Case of an AMBER Alert?



The AMBER Alert message encourages the public to look for the missing child or suspect. You become the ears and eyes of local law enforcement.

In the event that you spot a child, adult, or vehicle fitting the AMBER Alert description, immediately call the telephone number given in the AMBER Alert and provide authorities with as much information as you know.

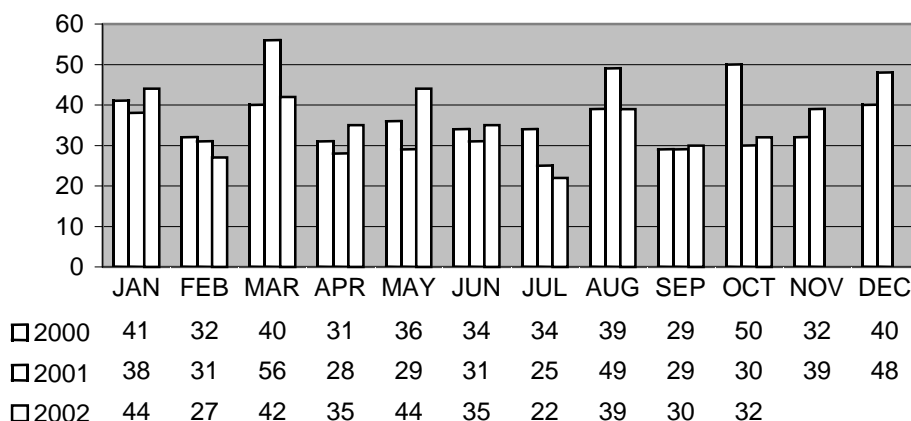
OCTOBER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Halloween Safety Tips

- Check that costumes are flame retardant.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips and falls.
- Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.
- Trick-or-treaters always should be in groups, or parents should accompany the child.
- Make sure kids know not to enter strange houses or a stranger's car.
- Tell your children to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.
- Make sure you carry a flashlight and pick well-lighted streets.
- Check out all treats at home and only eat candy that is wrapped and sealed.



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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address-mailing label.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

**32 FOR OCTOBER
30 FOR SEPTEMBER**

13 of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 40% of the entries.

Further breakdown reveals ___5 garage burglaries out of 32 burglaries, or ___ of the entries reported in October.

___ out of 32 entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). ___ entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There was one entry by passkey, six entries by force, one attempt without entry, one open “House Under Construction”, four entries by unknown means, one vacant—open, one entry by window smash, one entry by dog door, one entry by garage remote passkey, one entry “House For Sale” by unknown means, and one entry “House For Sale” unlocked.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**112 IN OCTOBER
84 IN SEPTEMBER**

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

**37 IN OCTOBER
31 IN SEPTEMBER**

BEAT 2

**3 Residential Burglaries
9 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 476 – 2 RD 486 – 1

Streets: Brookhurst, Branta, Jonesport.

There was one entry by passkey and two by force. There were two garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 465 – 1 RD 475 – 1
RD 476 – 5 RD 477 – 1
RD 485 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

RD 466 – 1

BEAT 3

**2 Residential Burglary
2 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 445 – 1 RD 475 – 1

Streets: Cohasset and Aquatic.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN DOOR OR WINDOW.

There was one attempt without entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 445 – 1 RD 457 – 1

BEAT 4

**4 Residential Burglaries
12 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 432 – 1 RD 442 – 1
RD 452 – 1 RD 453 – 1**

Streets: Florida, England, Alabama, and Catamaran.

THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There was one open “House Under Construction.” There were three garage burglaries.

Suspect seen in unlocked shed on England (RD 442): Male white adult, 165 lbs, mustache, 5’7”, thin build, short brown hair, wearing red baseball hat, blue denim jacket.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 432 – 3 RD 442 – 1
RD 443 – 1 RD 452 – 1
RD 453 – 2 RD 462 – 1
RD 463 – 3**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 442 – 1 RD 443 – 1
RD 473 – 1**

BEAT 5

**1 Residential Burglaries
1 Vehicle Burglary
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 425 – 1

Street: Hyde Park.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 424 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 437 – 1

BEAT 6

**4 Residential Burglaries
8 Vehicle Burglaries
11 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 441 – 3 RD 451 – 2

Streets: Crest, Adams, and two on Lake Street.

THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There was one entry by force. There were three garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 339 – 1 RD 359 – 1
RD 441 – 1 RD 451 – 5**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 328 – 1 RD 348 – 1
RD 359 – 2 RD 441 – 1**



RD 451 – 2

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

2 Residential Burglaries
7 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 413 – 1 RD 422 – 1

Streets: Demion and Jana.

There was one entry by unknown means.
There were no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 411 – 1 RD 412 – 1
RD 413 – 2 RD 421 – 1
RD 422 – 1 RD 423 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 413 – 1

BEAT 8

1 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 176 – 1

Street: Bolsa Chica.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.

(Vacant—open window.)

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 179 – 1 RD 187 – 1
RD 188 – 3 RD 198 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 198 – 1

BEAT 9

6 Residential Burglaries
24 Vehicle Burglaries
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 263 – 1 RD 272 – 3
RD 282 – 2

Streets: Potter, Slater, Sycamore,
Barton, Ronald, and Newman.

THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

There was one entry by window smash,
one entry by dog door, and one entry by
pry. Suspect in custody for Barton (RD
272 window smash.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 272 – 14 RD 273 – 4
RD 282 – 5 RD 283 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 263 – 1 RD 264 – 1
RD 272 – 1

BEAT 10

7 Residential Burglaries
12 Vehicle Burglaries
7 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 152 – 1 RD 153 – 1
RD 154 – 2 RD 165 – 2
RD 174 – 1

Streets: Temp[e, Tortola, Saybrook,
Alderport, Grunion, Green, and Aladdin.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.

There were two entries by force, two
entries by unknown means, and 1 entry
by passkey (garage remote). There were
four garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 152 – 2 RD 153 – 1
RD 154 – 3 RD 165 – 1
RD 173 – 1 RD 174 – 2
RD 175 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 152 – 1 RD 154 – 1
RD 155 – 1 RD 164 – 2
RD 165 – 1 RD 174 – 1

BEAT 11

0 Residential Burglaries
6 Vehicle Burglaries
1 Grand Theft Autos

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 159 – 1 RD 167 – 2
RD 168 – 1 RD 169 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 169 – 1

BEAT 12

0 Residential Burglaries
5 Vehicle Burglaries
0 Grand Theft Auto

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 118 – 1 RD 126 – 2
RD 137 – 1 RD 139 – 1

BEAT 13

2 Residential Burglaries
20 Vehicle Burglaries
8 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 251 – 1 RD 262 – 1

Streets: Candlelight and Rhine.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.

(“House for Sale”—unlocked.)

There was one entry by unknown means
“House For Sale.” “House For Sale” on
Rhine suspects and vehicle described:

Vehicle: New black Blazer SUV.

Suspect #1: Male white late 20s to early
30s wore baseball hat backwards.

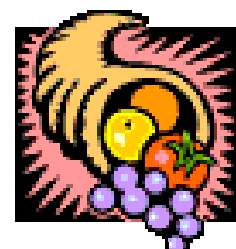
Suspect #2: Female white blond hair 20s
to 30s wearing sunglasses.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241 – 6 RD 242 – 2
RD 252 – 3 RD 253 – 1
RD 261 – 4 RD 262 – 4
RD 262 – 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 241 – 3 RD 252 – 2
RD 261 – 1 RD 262 – 2



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

VIPS

Margie Walker

VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES PROGRAM



Margie Walker was born in Jerome, Arizona in 1931, which at that time was a copper mining town.

When Margie was three years old, she moved to Oakland, California and graduated from high school in 1948. In 1955 she got married and moved to Cleveland, Ohio. After four years of shoveling snow, she moved to Garden Grove, California and was married to her first husband for nine years. In 1966 she met her second husband at Criterion Machine Works where she

worked. They got married in 1968 and were married for 25 years before he passed away. Margie moved to Huntington Beach in 1969, and still lives in the same house. She retired from her job in 1993 and got involved in volunteer work.

Margie attended the Huntington Beach Police Department's Citizen Police Academy and graduated in 1997. She joined the Volunteers In Police Services program in 1998 and has been an active volunteer. She is in charge of recording and keeping track of all the volunteers' hours. She also volunteers at special events such as the Shoreline Marathon. In addition, Margie also volunteers at the Costa Mesa Police Department at an average of 14 hours per week at their substation and also fingerprinting.

In 1995 Margie started bowling and it quickly became one of her favorite things to do. She belongs to three leagues and averages 160. Her highest game was 265.

Huntington Beach Police Department is proud to have Margie Walker as one of its volunteers, and hopes she will stay a long time.

RSVP

Christopher Maddy

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



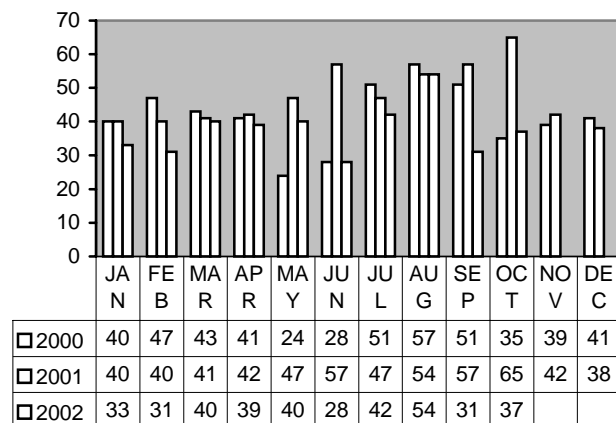
Congratulations Chris Maddy – November R.S.V.P. of the Month!

Chris is a member of the most recent R.S.V.P. class which completed training April 2002. And, he is the first member of his class to be awarded Volunteer of the Month! Chris has been a great addition to the program, and the Police Department is very grateful for all the

hard work he has already contributed to the city.

Before retirement, Chris taught junior high math and computers for 38 years. As an R.S.V.P., Chris performs patrol duties, assists the records department with the filing of subpoenas, and helps with community special events. Chris has a very positive attitude and helps fill in when other members of the program are unable to do a shift. His favorite things about the R.S.V.P. program are the people and the good feeling that comes from contributing to the community. Chris has lived in Huntington Beach for 31 years and plays in the hand bell choir at his church. Congratulations Chris, and thank you for all your hard work!

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VEHICLE BURGLARIES

